

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the JCC Maccabi Games!

As a parent, you can be assured that the JCC Maccabi Games will provide your child with a rich and rewarding experience. Not only will he/she have the opportunity to compete against other Jewish teens athletically, but the friendships made during the week of JCC Maccabi are often lasting ones.

JCCA MACCABI GAMES' BACKGROUND

Since their inception in 1982, the JCC Maccabi Games have grown into the largest program for Jewish teens in North America. Over 34,000 young athletes have participated, and while some have gone to win All-American honors and represent the United States at the World Maccabiah Games in Israel, all have shared a special week based on their love of sport and their Jewish Heritage. The Games are based on the premise that sports can provide an important framework for strengthening the Jewish Identity of our young people. Your delegation's participation in the Games is sponsored by your local Jewish Community Center. The Games are a joint program of the JCC Association of North America, which serves as the Managing Partner, the Maccabi World Union, Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, and Maccabi Canada. These organizations draw on decades of experience in promoting sports and physical fitness in the Jewish community, and have a long-standing commitment to Jewish youth.

SPORTS COMPETITIONS (offered in Atlanta 2019)

Boys Baseball	16 and under & 14 and under	
Boys Basketball	16 and under & 14 and under	
Boys Soccer	16 and under & 14 and under	
Boys Flag Football	16 and under	
Girls Soccer	16 and under	
Girls Basketball	16 and under	
Girls Volleyball	16 and under	
Ultimate Frisbee	Girls or Boys	16 and under
Bowling	Girls or Boys	13/14 or 15/16
Golf	Girls or Boys	13/14 or 15/16
Star Reporter	Girls or Boys	13/14 or 15/16
Swimming	Girls or Boys	13/14 or 15/16
Table Tennis	Girls or Boys	13/14 or 15/16
Tennis	Girls or Boys	13/14 or 15/16
Dance	Girls or Boys	13/14 or 15/16
Track & Field	Girls or Boys	13/14 or 15/16

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Dates: July 28th – August 2nd, 2019

Program Fee: \$1,800 for APJCC Members
\$2,000 for Non-members

JCC Maccabi Games participants must be Jewish teens between the ages of 12 and 16, as of July 28th, 2019.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

We have a dedicated group of staff members and volunteers working tirelessly to plan a one-of-a-kind experience for all. We are well underway with many aspects of our planning. We will only be using one hub for the Games and that will be the Marcus JCC of Atlanta.

Sunday, July 28th – Arrivals and Opening Ceremonies

Monday, July 29th – Athletic competition, Evening Event @ Nitrozone

Tuesday, July 30th – Athletic competition, JCC cares, Evening Event @ The Georgia Aquarium

Wednesday, July 31st – Athletic competition, JCC cares, and Host Family Night

Thursday, August 1st – Athletic competition, Second Sports and Closing Party – “Maccabi Music Festival”

Friday, August 2nd - Departures

Schedule is always improving, subject to change as we get closer to Maccabi Week.

HOUSING

Your teen will stay with a Jewish host family during the JCC Maccabi Games. A host family houses a minimum of two teens, and may have children of their own participating in the games. There is a place on the online registration for teens to list the member(s) of their team or delegation they want to room with. The Host Community will make every effort to honor these requests, but housing assignments are not guaranteed. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN PARENTS MAKE THEIR OWN HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR CHILD, NOR MAY PARENTS CONTACT THE HOST COMMUNITY WITH HOUSING REQUESTS.

Host families are responsible for providing all meals that are not included in the JCC Maccabi program (usually breakfasts and some dinners), appropriate sleeping accommodations, provide access to laundry facilities, and transportation to and from JCCA Maccabi events.

Your teen's host family may call you a week or two prior to the JCC Maccabi Games. If not, the Delegation Head will have the host family roster. It is a JCC Maccabi tradition for teens to bring a small gift for their host family.

SUPERVISION AND SECURITY

Each delegation is required to have an adult to teen ratio of 1 to 8. This is a minimum standard.

In addition, all adult staff and volunteers look out for the welfare of all teens. Rest assured that the safety and well-being of the teens is the prime concern of everyone involved with the JCC Maccabi Experience.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

The Host Community provides trained medical personnel during the JCC Maccabi Games. Physicians, nurses, and trainers are available at the venues, and arrangements are in place with paramedics and local hospitals to treat teens injured or who become ill during the games. In addition, the host family knows how to contact a JCC Maccabi Experience's physician if your teen becomes ill at their home. You will be notified as soon as possible if your child is injured or ill.

PARENTS ATTENDING THE JCC MACCABI GAMES

The families of teens are certainly encouraged to attend the JCC Maccabi Games. Your Delegation Head, can give you information about accommodations in the Host Community (A suggested hotel list will be available soon). Most, if not all, JCC Maccabi events are open to visiting parents. Families can attend Opening Ceremonies and all athletic competitions. Parents should understand, however, that evening social events, as well as some other programs, are reserved only for official members of the delegation. In the past, some host communities have planned special events for visiting families. Here are a few points for families going to the JCC Maccabi Games to keep in mind:

- The JCC Maccabi Games is an experience designed for teens, and not a family vacation. Teens are required to participate in ALL activities scheduled during the JCC Maccabi Experience even on days that

they may not have competition. PLEASE RESPECT THIS. Home hospitality is an important part of the teen's experience, and parents should appreciate that the host family is providing more than just a hotel room for their child. It is important to respect the host family's plans and schedule. TEENS CANNOT BE IN A JCCA MACCABI EXPERIENCE HOTEL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN THE EXPULSION OF THE TEEN. Parents attending the JCC Maccabi Games are expected to be models of good sportsmanship, and adhere to the rules of conduct set by the Host Community and the delegation. While your enthusiasm and support are certainly welcome during the competition, unruly behavior is unacceptable. The RACHMONES RULE (good sportsmanship) applies to everyone (spectators, athletes, coaches, etc). Trash talk, running up the score on a weaker opponent, making fun of opposing players/teams will not be tolerated. Referees, officials, and the Sports Chairs have the authority to eject spectators from a game or bar them from the JCC Maccabi Experience entirely in serious situations.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Millie Greenberg or Diana Schnabel-Arevalo.

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